

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of )  
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Section 63.71 Application of )  
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BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a )  
AT&T Southeast )  
 )  
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, )  
To Discontinue the Provision of Service )

File No.

*ND 2012-7-C*

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC  
D/B/A AT&T SOUTHEAST**

AT&T Services Inc. on behalf of its affiliate, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast ("AT&T") applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue OC-24 SMARTRing service throughout its service territory in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T provides the following information:

**Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):**

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast  
2180 Lake Boulevard, 2B32  
Atlanta, Georgia 30319

**Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):**

AT&T plans to discontinue this service on or after June 29, 2012, subject to Commission approval of this application.

**Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):**

OC-24 SMARTRing service will be discontinued in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

**Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):**

OC-24 SMARTRing service is a dedicated, high capacity, network service that is deployed in a self-healing ring architecture between multiple customer designated locations and AT&T central offices. The OC-24 SMARTRing service provides the customer with the bandwidth equivalent of twenty-four (24) DS3 capacity.

AT&T is discontinuing this service due to low market demand. AT&T will continue to offer SMARTRing service at a variety of other bandwidth capacities, such as OC-3, OC-12, OC-48 and OC-192. Therefore, the public convenience and necessity is not impaired by the discontinuance of this service because AT&T offers a variety of service alternatives.

**Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. §63.71(b)(3)):**

AT&T has no customers that subscribe to this service.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

**Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):**

AT&T offers OC-24 SMARTRing service pursuant to dominant carrier regulation.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc.,  
Director - Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036,  
(202) 457-3039.

**Conclusion:**

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of AT&T's OC-24 SMARTRing service because there are alternative services available from AT&T. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.7 1 Application to discontinue these services.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 13, 2012

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do certify that I have, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012, served a copy of the foregoing  
Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

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